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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 6,106,964 (Voss);

Japanese Publication No. 06-132038, published May 13, 1994, English abstract only; and

Japanese Publication No. 08-273687, published October 18, 1996, English abstract only.

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	AB	06-132038	05/94	Japan			ABS only	X
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